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Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive Council met on April 19 in St. John's. This issue of Executive Notes is designed to provide you with a summary of major decisions occurring at this meeting.

For further information please contact any member of Provincial Executive or the staff person as indicated.

Association Priorities
Provincial Executive members were provided with a copy of the Priorities Document, updated as of April 12, 2002. Included in the update was an action plan, who is responsible, target dates for implementation, and action updates on what has occurred since the last Executive meeting. The four priorities are: concluding a collective agreement; quality of teachers' work life; membership involvement; and communications. Discussion took place on progress and activity in each of the priority areas.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Collective Agreement Signing
The official signing of the new Collective Agreement took place in the NLTA Boardroom on Friday, April 19. The occurrence of the signing on the same date as the Executive meeting made it possible for the full Executive to attend the formal ratification of the Agreement and to meet the Minister Responsible for Treasury Board and the Minister of Education.

Labrador West Negotiations
Since the Provincial Collective Agreement has now been ratified, the Labrador West collective bargaining process will resume with a goal of settling the contract before the end of the current school year.

A meeting of the Labrador West general membership was held on Monday, March 25 where the generalities of the opening package were discussed. Due to limited time and resources it was decided that opening packages would be exchanged prior to both sides meeting face-to-face. It is anticipated that the exchange of opening packages will take place in early May with face-to-face discussions scheduled for May 27-28 and June 5-7.

It is anticipated that the main focus during this round of bargaining will revolve around local issues of travel and differential benefits.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President or Perry Downey, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

Other Business

- Policy was approved governing the awarding of provincial awards (e.g. Bancroft, Barnes and Special Recognition Awards). When provincial awards are presented at a branch/council function such as a year-end or retirement dinner, the Association will reimburse the branch/council for the cost of the meals for the award winner and spouse/guest and the NLTA President/designate and guest.

  When awards are presented at a special function, such as at the award winners' school or branch/ council function for that specific purpose, the Association will pay the actual cost up to $150.

  Amounts to be reimbursed will come from the Additional Branch Projects Budget, if monies are available there.

  For further information contact Winston Carter, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

- The NLTA will investigate the possibility of establishing another series of school representative seminars including costing, personnel involvement, content, etc. with the aim of implementing in the Fall of 2003.

  For further information contact Winston Carter, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director. .

Canadian Teachers' Federation

- The NLTA delegation to the CTF AGM 2002 in St. John's will consist of the President, Vice-President, two delegates from Provincial Executive and the Executive Director as an alternate. Other Executive members wishing to attend the AGM will also be included as alternates. For further information contact Winston Carter, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

- The NLTA will nominate President Winston Carter as a candidate for Vice-President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation for 2002-03. For further information contact Winston Carter, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Discussion Topics
The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive for follow-up or future discussion: Occupational Health and Safety Act revisions; NLSBA policy grievance; and Labrador benefits.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President or Edward

Hancock, Executive Director.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **June 7 and 8** in St. John's. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.